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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Clandestine Services SENIOR SEMINAR

1. One of the DTR's principal concerns is the identification of Seminar topics -- the critical problems of the CS. I mentioned in this regard the Overview Paper cited in my memorandum as obviously pertinent. The DTR suggested two possible topics:

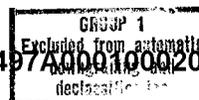
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- a. Covert Action; specifically, what are the principal CA concepts which are now outworn?
  - b. DDS/DDP relations.

He also suggested that  might be helpful in identifying Agency problems, including some of primary CS concern.

2. The DTR proposed that:

- a. we identify 6 or 8 specific topics in which the DDP himself is really interested;
- b. the DDP tap 8 or 10 men to discuss these, perhaps inviting the DDP in at the mid-way point to react to the discussion and findings up to that point;
- c. if appropriate, different groups be designated to discuss the various topics;

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- d. a different Chairman (with pertinent credentials) be chosen for each topic;
- e. the length of each seminar be determined by the nature of the topic;
- f. a product (memorandum with suggestions) come out of each seminar;
- g. the seminars be tied together in a block, with the thread of continuity being provided by OTR;
- h. the Training Advisory Committee discuss the Seminar for a half day.

3. C/OS felt that what the DTR had outlined was not a Senior Seminar, rather a sort of DDP management advisory committee to discuss internal CS directorate matters. In such a scheme OTR hardly has a role.

4. The idea was also suggested that the seminars concentrate on GS-15s and GS-16s, on the theory that the GS-17s and GS-18s (including Division Chiefs) do not have the time or motivation to sustain interest in the seminars.

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